

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1449 by Representative Fannin

WATER/RESOURCES: Provides with respect to the right of riparian owners to transfer their rights to access to running water for agricultural or aquacultural purposes

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- 1. Added a statement of public policy.
- 2. Added a termination date for proposed law of January 12, 2035.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides for legislative findings and intent relative to the use, conservation, and protection of the water as a resource of the state.

Proposed law allows a riparian owner to assign access rights for surface water adjacent to his riparian land for any agricultural or aquacultural purpose by the non-riparian owner provided such withdrawal of running surface water is environmentally and ecologically sound, would not adversely impact the sustainability of the water body, or have undue impacts on navigation, public drinking water supplies, stream flow energy, sediment load and distribution, and certain other circumstances.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "agricultural or aquacultural purpose".

Proposed law prohibits any state fee from being charged for usage except where the state contracts or assigns rights for withdrawal.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall become null and of no effect on January 12, 2035.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 9:1103)